

Animal Rescue Group Procedures

The Springfield-Greene County Animal Control program will make every effort to work with qualified animal rescue groups. If you are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, you may be able to rescue animals directly from our shelter.

Here are the Springfield-Greene County Health Department requirements:

- You must provide proof of your organization's 501(c)(3) status.
- You must be licensed with the Missouri Department of Agriculture as an animal rescue organization.
- You must provide us with a copy of your organization's mission statement. It must state that your organization's purpose is to rescue animals from animal shelters.
- You must have a local representative that resides within our service area.

If you do **not** meet these requirements (for example if you do not have non-profit status, or you do not have a local representative residing in our service area):

- You may contact one of the local rescue groups to assist you.
- They will want to verify you are a legitimate rescue organization, and discuss the financial aspects of rescuing from our shelter.
- Please don't forget to provide our animal id tag to assist them.

Castaway Animal Rescue Effort (CARE)	http://www.carerescue.org	carerescue@yahoo.com
The Pet Connection	http://www.thepetconnection.org	pet4u@sbcglobal.net
Mo-Kan Border Collie Rescue	http://www.mokanbcrescue.org	bcrescue@mokanbcrescue.org
All Creatures Animal Rescue and Sanctuary	http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/MO123.html	adoptallcreatures@lycos.com

All animals rescued from our shelter must be sterilized and vaccinated for rabies. There are no exceptions. Proof of sterilization and vaccination **MUST** be sent to Springfield-Greene County Health Department within ten (10) business days of rescue, unless a waiver is signed by a Missouri veterinarian saying the animal is too young or too sick to be sterilized at time of rescue. The waiver must be sent to us and should include the date when the animal can be expected to be sterilized. Within ten (10) business days from that date the proof of sterilization and vaccination need to be sent. Springfield-Greene County Animal Control will have sole discretion on which animals are available for rescue.

Additional procedures for rescues that use the foster home model

Animal rescue groups that use the foster home model for sheltering prior to adoption must provide the Springfield-Greene County Health Department with the address of the foster home within ten (10) business days of rescue. All foster homes must be in compliance with their local animal control regulations. Additionally, once the animal has been adopted we must be notified that the animal is no longer housed at this residence.